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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON FRG EXTENSION TO BERLIN OF
CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

REF: BONN A-628 (1974)

SUMMARY: BONN GROUP HAS REACHED AD REF AGREEMENT ON AN
ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE RENEWED SOVIET PROTEST AGAINST
THE FRG EXTENSION TO BERLIN OF THE CONVENTION ON INTER-
NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS. ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROVAL OF TEXT AND PROCEDURE IN PARA 4 BELOW. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN DECEMBER 14 MEETING, FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU)
INFORMED BONN GROUP THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD REPLIED
TO THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PROTEST AGAINST
THE FRG EXTENSION TO BERLIN OF THE CONVENTION ON
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2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, THE ORIGINAL SOVIET PROTEST
WAS MADE BY THE MFA IN MOSCOW ON AUGUST 23, 1974, TO
FRANCE AS A DEPOSITORY OF THE CONVENTION. THE FRENCH
NOTIFIED THE BONN GROUP OF THE PROTEST ON JANUARY 7,
1975, AND AN ALLIED REPLY DRAWN FROM THE "OMNIBUS
PACKAGE" (REF A) WAS EVENTUALLY MADE ON JULY 5, 1976.

(OUR RECORDS ARE NOT COMPLETE, BUT IT APPEARS THAT IT TOOK THE QUAI MORE THAN A YEAR TO DELIVER THE REPLY AFTER IT WAS AGREED.) THE SOVIET NOTE WHICH DE BOISSIEU INFORMED US OF ON DECEMBER 14 IS A REPLY TO THAT ALLIED STATEMENT.

3. THE SOVIET REPLY TO THE ALLIED STATEMENT IS A REPETITION OF THE EARLIER SOVIET STATEMENT WITH TWO ADDITIONS. THE NEW SOVIET NOTE CLAIMS:

-- THAT THE QA FORESAW IN A "CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS MANNER" THAT SUCH AN EXTENSION USING THE FORMULA "LAND BERLIN" CANNOT BE MADE AS IT IMPLIES THAT THE QA PERMITS FRG EXTENSION OF TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS TO BERLIN AS A WHOLE INSTEAD OF ONLY TO THE WSB.

-- THE USE OF THE FORMULA LAND BERLIN IS INTENDED TO EXPRESS THE "MANIFESTLY UNFOUNDED JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL PRETENSIONS OF THE FRG."

4. IN FEBRUARY 23 MEETING, BONN GROUP DISCUSSED HOW ALLIES SHOULD RESPOND TO THE SOVIET STATEMENT AND CONCLUDED THAT A DETAILED REPLY WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE. IT WAS, THEREFORE, AGREED AD REF TO USE THE FOLLOWING BRIEF REAFFIRMATION OF THE EARLIER ALLIED NOTE:

-- THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE UK AND U.S., REAFFIRMS THE TERMS OF ITS NOTE OF JULY 5, 1976, AND CONFIRMS THAT THE APPLICATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE WSB OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS REMAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

AS WITH THE EARLIER REPLY, THIS RESPONSE WOULD BE DELIVERED BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL FOR TEXT AND PROCEDURE IN PARA 4 FOR ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIET STATEMENT.
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